

## MINUTES

### COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR AIKEN COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 736 RICHLAND AVENUE, AIKEN, S. C.

REGULAR MEETING- JANUARY 6, 2004 -7:00 PM

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#### (A) CALL TO ORDER

Determining that a quorum was present, Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Council Members present:

Chairman Ronnie Young  
Kathy Rawls  
Scott Singer  
LaWana McKenzie  
Chuck Smith  
Eddie Butler  
Charles Barton  
Rick Osbon  
Willar H. Hightower, Jr.

Also present:

J. Clay Killian, County Administrator  
Robert M. Bell, County Attorney  
Chris Ceasar, Acting Council Clerk

#### (B) INVOCATION

Councilman Hightower led in the invocation.

#### (C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Osbon led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### (D) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. December 16, 2003 Worksession
2. December 16, 2003 Regular Meeting

Councilwoman McKenzie moved for the adoption. Councilman Butler seconded.  
Passed by unanimous vote.

#### (E) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilwoman Rawls made a motion to make changes to the agenda:

- a. Delete Old Business #6
- b. Move Consent #3 to New Business #3

Councilwoman Rawls made the motion for adoption. Councilman Barton seconded.  
Passed by unanimous vote.

(F) AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1. Proposed Resolution Expressing Appreciation to the Honorable Kathy Rawls for Her Services as Vice-Chairman of County Council in 2003.  
(County Council)

Councilwoman McKenzie made the motion for adoption. Councilman Hightower seconded.  
Passed by unanimous vote with Councilwoman Rawls abstained.  
Chairman made favorable comments.

(G) OLD BUSINESS

1. Proposed Ordinance to Amend Section 4-51 of the Aiken County Code of Ordinances Defining the Makeup of the Animal Control Advisory Committee.  
(Administrative Committee) (Third Reading)

Councilman Butler made the motion for adoption. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.  
Passed by unanimous vote.

2. Proposed Ordinance to Authorize an Increase in Certain Recreation Fees.  
(Development Committee) (Third Reading)

Councilman Barton made the motion for adoption. Councilman Hightower seconded.  
Passed by unanimous vote.

3. Proposed Ordinance to Amend the Aiken County Code of Ordinances to Adopt Standards and Provide Preservation Tax Incentives for the Restoration or Rehabilitation of Certain Historic Properties and Low and Moderate Income Rental Properties in Aiken County.  
(Administrative Committee) (Third Reading)

Councilman Osbon made the motion for adoption. Councilman Hightower seconded.  
Passed by unanimous vote.

4. Proposed Resolution to Create a Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission Pursuant to the Capital Project Sales Tax Act of South Carolina.  
(County Council)

Councilman Hightower made the motion for adoption. Councilman Smith seconded.  
Councilwoman McKenzie stated that Councilmembers Rawls, Butler, and Singer were appointed to this Commission.  
Passed by unanimous vote.

5. Removal from the Table of a Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with G & K Services for EMS Uniforms.  
(Judicial and Public Safety Committee)

Councilman Smith made the motion to remove from the table. Councilman Butler seconded.  
Passed by unanimous vote.  
Councilwoman McKenzie made the motion for adoption. Councilman Hightower seconded.  
Passed by unanimous vote.

6. Request to Reconsider Award of Architect and Engineering Contract for Hydrogen Lab to Gilbert Construction.  
(Councilman Smith)

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(H) CONSENT AGENDA/INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

I. REGULAR CONSENT AGENDA

1. Proposed Resolution to Appoint One Member to Designated Boards, Commissions and Committees with Terms of the Appointees to Run Concurrent with that of the Councilmember from Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6.  
(Rawls, Singer, McKenzie, Smith, Butler, Barton)
2. Proposed Resolution to Approve the Allocation of Funds for Various Non Profit Agencies from the FY 2004 Council Contingency Fund.  
(County Council)
3. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Accept a Grant from the South Carolina Department of Commerce for the Construction of a Social Services Building in Wagener.  
(Rawls)

Moved to New Business #3.

II. CONSENT AGENDA/INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

4. Proposed Ordinance to Place a Moratorium on the Submission of Applications for New Freestanding Signs in Aiken County Which Exceed Thirty Two Square Feet in Size, Effective January 7, 2004, Until Revised Zoning and Development Standards Have Been Reviewed and Adopted by Aiken County Council.  
(Development Committee)

Councilman Smith made the motion for adoption. Councilwoman Rawls seconded.  
Passed by unanimous vote with Consent #3 moved to New Business.

(I) NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposed Resolution Electing a Vice-Chairperson of the Aiken County Council for 2004.  
(County Council)

Councilman Osbon recommended Councilwoman McKenzie. Councilman Butler made acclamation. Councilman Hightower seconded.  
Passed by unanimous vote with Councilwoman McKenzie abstained.

2. Proposed Resolution Appointing Standing Committees of County Council for Calendar Year 2004.  
(County Council)

Councilman Osbon made the motion for adoption. Councilman Butler seconded.  
Administrative Committee: Butler, Osbon, and Singer; Development Committee: Rawls, Singer, and Hightower; Judicial and Public Safety Committee: McKenzie, Smith, and Barton  
Councilman Osbon made the motion for adoption. Councilman Butler seconded.  
Passed by unanimous vote.

3. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Accept a Grant from the South Carolina Department of Commerce for the Construction of a Social Services Building in Wagener.  
(Rawls)

Councilwoman Rawls made the motion for adoption. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.  
Councilwoman Rawls made favorable comments.  
Passed by unanimous vote.

(J) ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND THE PUBLIC RECORD

1. Fiscal Year 2004 Aiken County Contingency Report as of December 17, 2003.

(K) INFORMAL MEETING OF WHOLE

- a. Ms. Mary Delaney, Warrenton citizen, concerning Langley Fire Dept. She had an increase in fire fees by 150% (\$84 in 2002 and \$280 in 2003). Ms. Delaney asked that the County work with the fire dept on the paperwork to get a grant. Staff was asked to contact the fire dept and see if the County could help with the grant process.

Council made several comments. The County Administrator stated that staff is working on a presentation to be brought to Council before the budget process begins.

Councilman Osborn made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:30 pm. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.

Passed by unanimous vote.

(L) EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Legal Matters:
  - a. Status Report on Pending Litigation, Legal Claims and Legal Advice.  
(County Attorney) (Verbal)
2. Contractual Matters:
3. Personnel Matters:

(M) ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Osborn made a motion to adjourn at 9:50 pm. Councilman Smith seconded  
Passed by unanimous vote.

Attest:

Signed:

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Chris Ceasar, Acting Council Clerk

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Ronnie Young, Chairman